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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING AUGUST 25, 1977 (SALT TWO-1369)

1. AT AUGUST 25 PLENARY, I PROPOSED NEW JDT ARTICLE ON ADVANCE  
NOTIFICATION OF ALL ICBM FLIGHT TEST AND TABLED PROPOSED TEXT OF  
JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS (SALTTWO-  
1372).

2. SEMENOV MADE TWO STATEMENTS. HIS FIRST DEALT WITH "SOME RECOM-  
MENDATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS." HE STRESSED THAT JOINT  
STATEMENT SHOULD BE OF GENERAL NATURE AND SHOULD SET FORTH THE  
GENERAL DIRECTIONS IN WHICH TO MOVE. RESOLUTION OF QUESTIONS  
SHOULD BE MADE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS DETERMINING THE  
STRATEGIC SITUATION INCLUDING DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC SITUATIONS,  
FBS, NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF NATO ALLIES, AND US CARRIER-BASED AVIA-  
TION IN VICINITY OF SOVIET TERRITORY. HE CALLED FOR FURTHER  
MEASURES ON PROHIBITING NEW KINDS OF WEAPONS AS WELL AS RESTRIC-  
TIONS ON MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING ONES BUT GAVE NO SPECIFICS. HE  
SAID, JOINT STATEMENTSHOULD DEAL WITHRESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES IN  
THE PROTOCOL.

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3. HIS SECOND STATEMENT, DEALING MAINLY WITH THE TELEMETRY ISSUE,  
ELABORATED THE CLAIM THAT CONTENTS AND METHODS OF TEMEMETRY TRANS-  
MISSION CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE COMPONENT PARTS OF THE PROCESS OF  
DEVELOPMENT "WHOLLY WITHIN A SIDE'S TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES." THUS  
TELEMETRY CANNOT BE DISCUSSED AS A SUBJECT OF VERIFICATION BY NTM  
OR SERVE AS A MEASURE FOR CONCEALMENT.

4. IN BILATERAL, SEMENOV RESERVED COMMENT ON NEW US PROPOSALS. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TOWARD RESOLUTION OF JDT ISSUES AND HAD ACCORDINGLY REMAINED IN GENEVA. HE ASKED IF I HAD SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS. I REPLIED THAT THE US HAD PRESENTED TWO CONCRETE PROPOSALS TODAY WHICH INDICATED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE US EFFORT.

5. IN JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN BILATERAL, SHCHUKIN, REFERRING TO US PROPOSAL ON PRINCIPLES, ASKED IF THE POINTS ON SURVIVABILITY AND MODERNIZATION WERE CONTRADICTORY. JOHNSON REPLIED THAT THEY WERE IN FACT COMPLEMENTARY AND REITERATED US CONCERNS OVER FORCE IMPROVEMENTS THREATENING ICBM SURVIVABILITY. SHCHUKIN ASKED WHY WE HAD INCLUDED AIR DEFENSES, ASKING WHAT ELSE COULD BE SAID ABOUT STRATEGIC DEFENSE THAT WAS NOT COVERED IN THE ABM TREATY.

6. IN BUTTS/BELETSKY BILATERAL, BELETSKY ASKED WHAT US MEANT BY A MEANS OF TELEMETRY TRANSMISSION WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH NTM. BUTTS RESPONDED THAT THE PROBLEM IS IN THE SOVIET PROVISION DEMANDING AN EXEMPTION - WHAT DID THEY HAVE IN MIND? BELETSKY THEN STATED, HYPOTHETICALLY, THAT THE US WOULD OBJECT IF THE SOVIETS CONDUCTED TESTS EMPLOYING RECOVERABLE ON-BOARD RECORDER.

7. IN MCNEILL-FREW/KARPOV-SMOLIN BILATERAL, KARPOV REMARKED THAT THE US PROPOSAL ON ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ICBM FLIGHT TESTS WENT BEYOND SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED AT HIGHER LEVELS. KLOSSON

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